

# Tales from THE ZONE

& Other Emanations from  
The Los Angeles  
Cacophony Society  
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The Cacophony Society is a randomly gathered network of free spirits devoted to the pursuit of experiences beyond the mainstream. We are pranksters, poets, artists, undisciplined children, wise fools, and wise asses, the bug under the rug, the termites in society's crutches, the bad egg at the corporate picnic, the vital spirits of cultural fermentation. You may already be a member!

## LOST IN A SUGARPLUM HELL

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8 PM

STATS has been nice and cheesy for more years in the same place than the White House Christmas tree has lights and Pasadena's Old Town has trendy bistros. This kitschy slice of the American pie even beats out LA's Moskatel's for sheer commercial chutzpah. We will plow through the half-block long home-spun crafts and party warehouse to find a choice item or two. See thousands of plastic Christmas trees and pricey ornaments! Experience a whole room of miniature towns in diorama with lights aglow (for sale by number)! Find dear boxed reindeer and snowmen from Taiwan and China! You will love the spray-can cinnamon air essences, the plaster cupids, the piped-in carols, the floor-to-ceiling wall of wrapping paper, and the high-voltage psychoactive "Tree Room." STATS is environmental folk art for the holidays, a collectible traditional whitebread heaven we'd all love to have fond childhood memories of — wouldn't we? But where are all the menorahs and yarmulkes, Santa? Deck yourself out in Hassidic black and fur. Put on your mothball beard or wear a Muslim bur-noose. Saffron robes, or turbans will do. Or at least slip into some cute green tights or don a warped elfin cap (red with tassels). You'll fit right in and someone might even offer to buy you. Meet in Hollywood at 7:00 at the Onyx CafE (1804 N. Vermont) to caravan to Pasadena or at 8:00 on the corner of Raymond and Colorado. STATS is close by (at 120 South Raymond). Bring kosher toddy-poops for elucidation before and

after. And it *is* Christmas, so bring your checkbook  
**More Info:** Mike M. (310) 281-8131. Leave mssg.



## DEAR JOHN LETTERS

Wednesday December 15 8 PM

So what if America no longer is the world's number one manufacturer of automotive, electronics, and other high-tech consumer goods? When you get down to basics, America still has a leg up on the competition. Those who have traveled in foreign lands will understand how our country has at least maintained its' international standing in the manufacture of extremely high grade toilet paper. Those scratchy foreign rags can never hope to duplicate the tender caress, the pampering touch of Uncle Sam's finest. So join us in our mailing campaign as we pack envelopes for the less-fortunate of foreign lands. Bring some stamps, and a roll of your favorite .

**Where:** Cafe Plus, 215 Broadway in Sta. Monica.  
**RSVP:** Ms. K. (310) 453-2751.

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## BLACK FOREST HOLIDAY

**Saturday, Dec. 18, 2 PM**

You saw the spectacular brush fires on TV last month, and in-between commercials, you experienced weird atavistic stirrings. You like watching thunderstorms, and you can imagine yourself going down to the beach to catch the next Tsunami, but what with the traffic and patrolling rangers and all, you just never really got to indulge your ghoulish curiosity. Cacophony understands and would like to offer you this chance to experience a little of that feeling by hiking through that desolated landscape. But just in case the arsonist witch hunt has not died down by the time we make our trek, we are suggesting you bring along some visible tokens of goodwill, namely Christmas tree decorations, with which we will festoon the charred branches of one very lucky tree. No, the entire landscape will not be magically restored to its' old verdant self, because life is not a badly animated Holiday Special, but maybe somebody will get a photo for their portfolio, and a few of the others will be temporarily amused. Bringing drinks and picnic items is a good way to make you new friends.

**Where:** meet at The Espresso Bar in Pasadena. (34 Raymond) to get a map to the Altadena location.

**RSVP:** Rev. Al (213) 936-8767.



## SHOPPING WITH THE BEARS

**Sunday, Dec. 19, 2 PM**

Its the holiday season and the bears and bunnies are coming out of their hibernation pissed and armed with logs and badgers. Why are the forest creatures so upset? Because some yuppie-green entrepreneurs are selling little pieces of nature for Fred Segal For Ecology, The Greenpeace Stores, and The Nature Company all supposedly for the betterment of the earth. Well the Forest isn't buying no hokey save-the-world sell-the-yuppie-some-overpriced earthware exploit the young minimum-wage-slave beavershit! So the Forest is going shopping, and we'll be trying on all of natures' cosmetics and seeing what wilderness commodities we'll be bringing back to our musky caves. Call early to reserve an animal costume (or BYOAC).

**RSVP:** Adam (310) 472-7604.

## "EKA DASA RUDRA"

### DOESN'T SPELL

## "NEW YEAR'S" BACKWARDS

### New Years' Eve

It is a native phrase from Central Africa describing a cataclysmic upheaval occurring once every 100 years. Local sources say '94 will be the year. Can't confirm, but will predict a cataclysmic upheaval of some sort, comparable to last year's New Years' Party held in conjunction with Rats with Keys. Confirmed musical entertainment at press time include: Spindle, Bean, and Lutfisk. Those who lived through last year's party should have some idea what to expect based on those blurry memories of an exploding TV, an immense cardboard monkey, free-flowing booze, insane music, and hora-dancing through ankle-deep popcorn. So just trust us on this one. Call after Christmas to make your final arrangements for 1993.

**Info:** (310) CUT-FOOT.

## SOUNDS LIKE CACOPHONY

**Dec. 8** A whitetrash extravaganza record release party from those sleazy trailer park foxes of **Honk if yer Horny** at Club Lingerie. Sport the cellulite-spandex look and demand a discount at the door! Giveaways of the single!

**Dec. 19** Experience a **Ray Chandler-Chuckie Bukowski Hardboiled Alcoholics Christmas** hosted by Raphael J. Alvarado. The Rustic Inn, 1931 Hillhurst. 4 PM. (818) 503-5835.

Just in time for your holiday shopping: **The Chicken Boy Catalog for a Perfect World**. Featuring pop-culture effluvia you could only buy from a fiberglass giant with a chicken's head. 1-800-422-0505.

Walden is boiling over! **Angry Thoreauan** #7 is out! Zine & music review, tasty graphics. \$2 ppd. PO Box 2246, Anaheim 92814. Free where you can find it.

**Have an idea for an event or news** of some strange and unnatural happenings in the area? Give us a call before mid July and we'll help get the word out! (213) 937-2759.

*Oh, it's more than dependable home delivery, more than the illustrated updates from SF Cacophony, more than the prank flyers, cardboard sunglasses and dinosaur tatoos. But you won't know unless you **SUBSCRIBE!** \$10 does it for 1 year. Make out your check to "The Zone" and mail to:*

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